1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 9 AT TACOMA 10 11 ROBIN BLAKE COMBS, SR., No. C08-5063 RJB/KLS 12 Plaintiff, ORDER DENYING EXPEDITED MOTION FOR SERVICE OF SUBPOENA 13 v. AND GRANTING MOTION FOR 14 JOSEPH D. LEHMAN, et al., EXTENSION OF DISCOVERY AND Defendants. DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS DEADLINES 15 16 Before the Court is Plaintiff's Motion for Expedited Order Directing Service of 17 Subpoenas by U.S. Marshal's Service. Dkt. 137. Plaintiff is advised that Plaintiff must serve 18 the two non-party deposition subpoenas in accordance with Rule 45. The Clerk of the Court shall 19 issue the subpoena, but it is up to the party to complete it before service. Fed.R.Civ.P. 45(a)(3). 20 21 Despite Plaintiff's in forma pauperis status, Plaintiff bears the burden of ensuring that service is 22 completed according to the dictates of Rule 45. 23 Plaintiff moves in the alternative for an extension of the discovery deadline, for the sole 24 purpose of serving the two non-party witnesses and providing the witnesses with twenty days to 25 respond. The discovery deadline is presently set for January 8, 2010. Dkt. 137, p. 2. The court 26 finds the request for a short and limited extension of the discovery deadline to be reasonable. As

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the dispositive motions deadline currently set for February 19, 2010 is impacted, it shall also be extended.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED**:

- 1) Plaintiff's Motion for Service of Subpoenas by the U.S. Marshal's Service (Dkt. 137 is DENIED; however, the Clerk is directed to send two blank subpoena forms to Plaintiff. After Plaintiff has completed the subpoena forms, he shall return them to the Clerk who will sign and return them to Plaintiff.
- 2) The discovery deadline in this matter shall be extended to February 5, 2010 for the sole purpose of serving and deposing the two non-party witnesses; the dispositive motions deadline shall be extended to March 19, 2010.
- The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to Plaintiff and counsel for Defendants.

DATED this 10th day of December, 2009.

Karen L. Strombom

United States Magistrate Judge